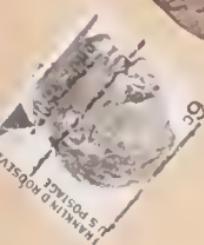


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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM  
BY  
PRESTON SMITH  
GOVERNOR OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN, TEXAS



GREETINGS:

Coins and Currency form a universal part of the lives of all people. The American Numismatic Association, a non-profit organization founded in 1891 and chartered by a special Act of Congress of 1912, is observing the week of April 20-26, 1969 as National Coin Week.

The members of this and kindred associations encourage and promote educational and fraternal relations and foster the interest of young and old in a subject that is

entertaining and instructive as well as valuable in encouraging thrift.

THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the period of April 20-26, 1969 as

# Coin Week In Texas

and urge all citizens to visit the exhibits sponsored by the American Numismatic Association and other groups. In official recognition whereof I hereby affix my signature this 6th day of February, 1969.

(S) Preston Smith  
Governor of Texas

(Official Seal in Gold)

By Gladys Robbins,  
Corpus Christi, Tex.

Coin Week has a distinctly international flavor this year. The American Numismatic Association is sharing with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations a common theme, designed to promote numismatics as well as the need to grow more food for a growing world population.

# National Coin Week

April 20-26, 1969

For sometime "National" Coin Week has been expanded to include individual numismatists and coin clubs from foreign countries in their annual competition. This year the NCW committee, Ed Rochette, chairman, with Chester A. Krause, Dick Hyde and Lee Martin chose to make the theme international as well. Never before has there been a theme with such possibilities, fraught with such meaning. But then, never before in history has there been an international coin series.

Searching for a means to bring their urgent message to all the world,

## "Coins-- Links In A Chain of Peace"



the FAO suggested to world governments that coins be the medium used to increase public interest in food and agricultural development. The coins were to illustrate the theme and it was suggested the seigniorage be used to develop the agriculture in the issuing country. Coins were to educate the public, keeping the message before the people for several decades. They needed to reach the rural population in developing countries and to bring the message with force to the more prosperous sections of the public.

in the advanced countries.

Why the urgency of producing more food? True, the poor and the hungry have been needing to be fed throughout the ages. The Vatican FAO coins point this up with the design "Feeding the Five Thousand" on 2, 10 and 100 lire and The Order of Malta depicts St. John the Baptist with a lamb at his feet and the inscription in Latin "The man with two coats must share with him who has none, and anyone who has food must do the same." Luke 3:11.

G. Myrdal in *The National*, December 10, 1966, states, "When the massive force of an exploding population meets the much more stable trend line of world food production, something must give. Unless we give increased attention now to the softening of the impending collision, many parts of the world within a decade will be skirting a disaster of such proportion as to threaten the peace and stability of the Western World." Estimated at over 2,250,000,000 in 1958 the population is expected to reach 6,300,000,000 by the year 2,000. This means not only that eventually food must be produced and made available to more than twice the people but that each person must obtain his portion from a much smaller piece of land. Most of the food-deficit countries of the world are politically independent or are gaining their independence. Food deficits have many causes. Among them are land resources, climactic conditions, farm techniques, population trends and trade policies.

The FAO is issuing 200,000 serially numbered albums of coins. The album and first two pages cost \$25.00 with a third page available in April for \$10.00 ordered from The Commissary Manager, FAO, 01000 Rome, Italy. FAO has since awarded an exclusive coin contract to a United States firm and the albums and coins

were to go on sale March 1. This issue is limited to approximately 18,000 which will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. The price of the album will be \$30.00, an increase of \$5.00 over that paid by collectors who ordered their albums in advance of the issue's release. Additional pages for the album will be issued to subscribers regularly over a period covering the next two years. The album, deep red colored, is 7x9" and the pages are red with lettering in gold with plastic covering the coin openings front and back. The first pages contained eight commemorative coins of the Vatican City, two from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, one each from Viet Nam, Burundi, Nepal, Lebanon, Uganda, Sudan, Bolivia, Ceylon and Syria.

In an editorial in the February, 1969 *World Coins* magazine, the question was asked, "Why do Great nations avoid FAO Coin Plan?" "We like this FAO idea," the article continues, "And the coins it inspires, very much. So much, in fact, that we wonder aloud why the world's most important nations - United States, Great Britain, Soviet Union, Australia, Canada, Germany, France and Japan for instance - have not yet declared their intent to issue commemorative coins for the United Nations FAO plan, which is to end in 1970?"

While we cannot attempt to excuse the great nations for not issuing a commemorative for FAO, the editorial triggered a train of thought concerning the nations that did. Many nations of the world have received help by participating in the many conferences, institutes, etc. fostered by FAO. They have tackled together such problems as hoof and mouth disease, renderpest, olive fly. They have developed together improved strains of rice, wheat, barley, hybrid maize. FAO technicians have helped

them solve problems of forestry, farming and fishing. Their cooperation in issuing coins is an expression of appreciation and pride in belonging to FAO. This is evident in the many countries issuing a new higher denomination coin for the FAO series, as though they wanted this one to really be something special.

Some of the "big" countries have showed their faith and hope in the organization with financial backing and other considerations. The U.S., the largest single contributor, for instance, gave FAO a home and headquarters in Washington, D.C. at the beginning and while they have since moved their headquarters to Rome, a Washington office is used for regional activities.

October 16, 1968 is the date appearing on the coins from Bolivia, Ceylon, Nepal, Uganda, Viet Nam and the Vatican, this being the anniversary of the first session of FAO held in Quebec, Canada October 16,

1945. Three of the coins in this first issue are of silver: Nepal 10 rupees, Malta three sendi and Vatican City 500 lire.

Lebanon issued their 1-pound coin October 7, 1968, opening day of first session of FAO Regional Commission on Horticultural Production in the Near East and North Africa. The special FAO design features on the reverse two oranges, a bunch of grapes and an apple, horticultural produce of the country. The obverse features the cedar of Lebanon, the national emblem on most of their coins. It is reported that when the late President Roosevelt was flying from Cairo eastward he looked down expecting to see the famous cedar of Lebanon and was amazed to find bare hills with one or two patches of cedars left. The rest had been wiped out by centuries of deforestation. Such things could happen in any country, he was told, if it did not take care of its future. Back in Washington, he made a note on a



**CEYLON & MALTA COINS** — "Grow More Food" in English, Sinhala and Tamil appears on the Ceylon coin. The figure in the center is a reproduction of a statue traditionally believed to be that of the Buddhist King Parakrama Bahu the Great, who some 800 years ago built the famous irrigation system, which the government is now reconstructing. The coin from Malta shows wheat encircling the world and in Latin "Fiat - Penis" the FAO motto for "Let There be Bread" and FAO 1968.

men raudum concerning the Food and Agriculture Organization (then in the Interim Commission stage): "Forestry most important. Request American delegate propose revision of FAO statute and include it in FAO charter."

The coin issued by Bolivia has a sheaf of wheat on its emblem on the obverse of the coin, symbolic of agriculture. The reverse bears the inscription: "War Against Hunger" in Spanish. The Ceylon two rupee design features Buddhist King Parakrama Balu who 800 years ago built an irrigation system which is being restored, on each side ears of paddy and at the bottom a paddy basket. The inscription "Grow More Food" appears in English Sinhale and Tamil. Nepal issued a ten-rupee coin featuring an ear of wheat, cogwheel, temple and trident, with "Food For All" in Nepalese and English. The coin underlines recent efforts in Nepal to focus attention on food and agriculture which has been given a high priority in their Third Plan (1966-70). The Uganda five shilling depicts an Ankola cow suckling her young. This animal

is of the long horned, humpless cattle and takes its name from the Ankola Plateau. "Produce More Food, FAO Coin Plan" is the inscription. The coin indicates the drive for increased livestock production in Uganda.

A farm girl harvesting rice is the design featured on the 20 piastres Viet Nam coin, and bears "World Campaign Against Hunger" in Vietnamese. The coins support an energetic program to increase rice production, made necessary by war, which has changed Vietnam from a rice-exporting to a rice-importing country, and also jeopardized the food supply of the urban population and of certain zones of central Viet Nam. Vatican City also issued October 16 coins. While not a country, the Vatican City is recognized as an independent state, now covering an area of 108 square miles. The eight coin issue features on the 1, 20, and 500 lire, wheat in the form of a cross. The 500 lire is silver and bears the inscription "In the Name of the Lord" on the edge. The 2, 10 and 100 lire depicts Feed-the Five Thousand and Our Lady of the Harvest appears on the 5 and 50 lire. The Vatican's promotion of FAO with this coin issue seems to add the Pope's blessing on the project.

Burundi issued a coin dated 1968 with an attractive design of bananas, wheat and maize. "Unity, Work, Progress" is the inscription in Kirundi and French. Period of legal tender indefinite; there is a possibility of re-issue in 1969. The produce used in the design are important to this country which achieved its independence in 1962, and the culture of them have been improved through the technical guidance of FAO. Syria's one-pound coin features a pair of hands holding the Campaign Against Hunger sign out of which are growing, five ears of wheat. Sudan used the design of their regular coin on their 25-piastre proof



**UGANDA COIN** — Shows an Ankola calf suckling which points out the importance of producing more milk in the overall "More Food" campaign.

issue of 20,000 especially for the FAO album, leaving off a spray of coffee beans, replacing it with the letters FAO. They added the inscription "Let Us Work Together Toward Providing Food For All" in Arabic. The design on the obverse is their "Flying Postman" and on the reverse a cotton plant.

The year 1968 marked the seventh consecutive year in which the Order of Malta resumed issuing coins. The modern coins are issued in proof only and proceeds are used for the Order's medical and social work, including food distribution in many countries. They issued two FAO coins, a silver 3-sesta May, 1968. The reverse depicts St. John the Baptist (Patron of the Order) preaching to the crowds, holding the standard of the Order in his left hand, with a lamb at his feet. In Latin - "The man with two coats must share with him who has none, and anyone who has food must do the same." Luke 3:11, and "FAO, year 1968, War On Hunger" in Italian. Their 2-tari coins is the most beautiful of all FAO coins issued so far. The globe of the world is flanked by ears of wheat, and the inscription "Fiat Pausis" the FAO motto, which translates "Let there be bread." FAO, 1968.

Future historians may come to regard this swift growth of an idea - the idea that is the foundation of FAO - as one of the most important and characteristic developments of our time. President Eisenhower had this to say about it: "The peace we seek, founded upon decent trust and cooperative effort among nations, can be fortified not by weapons of war but by wheat and by cotton, by milk and by wool, by meat and by timber and by rice. These are words that translate into every language on earth. These are needs, rather than the fears of the world. I know of no other course that can be called the high-

way of peace."

National Coin Week theme for 1969 "Coins -- Links in a Chain of Peace" takes on new meaning in light of the tremendous task undertaken by FAO.

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## Bank Accepts Wooden Check

The bank of New Mexico in Albuquerque won't take any wooden nickels but they did accept a wooden check.

The check, payable to the New Mexico Department of Motor Vehicles, was carved on a 2x6 inch block of wood by a Roswell, N. Mex. resident. The face of the check is an exact replica of a Roswell state bank check form. It was deposited at the Albuquerque bank.

The bank's president commented, "The man's gone to a lot of trouble to make a point - whatever it is."



**ANAT DONATION** — Ray Whyborn, Alamo Coin Club president, San Antonio, hands Trustee Virgil Hancock the club's check for its \$50,00 contribution to the American Numismatic Authentication Trust. Hancock is T.N.A. first vice president.

## COIN CLUBS!!

What do you expect from a coin club?

Do you want a social time so that you can swap a few coins, tell about the one you got from a mail bid sale, and learn what the latest price of silver is?

Do you want additional education from a well-prepared set of slides, a well-educated speaker, or an audience-participation quiz? Do you want to share your hobby with others by preparing a simple exhibit, or helping a neighbor kid get started by showing him how a coin club can help him?

Do you want to know what the American Numismatic Authentication Trust and national, state and local organizations have in store for you? If your answer to the above questions is an enthusiastic "YES!!"-you better get out to your nearest coin club at the very next meeting. All of the above things are happening and you're missing them, if you're not attending. Clubs have never been better than they are right now!

On the other hand, if you like bigotry, animosity, discord and squabbles, or power struggles and caste systems, you'd better continue to stay away, because you'll be awfully lonesome. Fortunately for numismatists, the former trouble makers have died of starvation.

This hobby is one that cannot satisfactorily be enjoyed without sharing. How so many can collect beautiful coins and not want to share them is beyond understanding. The most common excuse given is, "I don't want publicity," or I don't want to be robbed."

Anyone who keeps his entire irre-

By Ray Whyborn, San Antonio  
Pres., Alamo Coin Club

placeable coin collection at home is foolish. Burglars are running wild and most coin collections being taken are stumbled on quite accidentally while the burglar is searching for something else. You can't hide your head in the sand. Being a member in a local club strengthens you and makes you more secure, because you can always call on a fellow collector for help. There has always been safety in numbers, and this has not changed. With every potential buyer knowing what coins you have or seeing your coins in an exhibit, disposing of them becomes much more difficult for the fence and may even increase your chances of recovery in case of a theft, since many of your fellow collectors will recognize your coins.

Almost any difficulty in a club is directly attributable to apathy on the part of its members. They don't like the programs; yet, they never speak up. They don't like the officers; yet, they didn't nominate other candidates, or they didn't bother to vote.

The club officers spend many hours of their valuable time selecting a variety of coins for attendance prizes, trying to find new and entertaining programs for the new collector as well as the old, and they worry a lot. They worry about YOU, and how to hold your attention and stimulate your interest. They worry about how to get you to participate and share. They know that, if you became involved, you'll love it and feel that inner joy and satisfaction that goes with sharing the load and helping your fellow man. They know that a cheerful and joyous attitude is contagious, and it's one communicable thing that we all

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## NEWS ROUNDUP - A.N.A.

By NORMA MATHER  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
A.N.A. Representative

Have you heard - any member club will be given \$1.00 credit for each NEW ANA member the club signs up. Your ANA club representative must sign the application as one of the sponsors. The credits may be used to pay next year's dues or on purchases of medals, ribbons, jewelry, etc. "Numismatists here to stay join the ANA" - send in their applications and reap the credits. When have you invited a friend to your club meetings? - to join your club? - to join TNA? - to join ANA and share the many benefits?

Have you made a gift to ANA in honor or memory of one of your club members or friends?

Have you used slide sets from ANA or TNA for your club programs? TNA has the distinction of duplicating for use the slide sets from the ANA library. A list of films and slide sets is in your ANA Club Bulletin for January 1969. New sets are added from time to time; watch for them and send for them.

And speaking of the ANA Young Numismatists program, as we did last month - Four awards will be presented juniors during 1969: (1) the Debbie Jane Gould Memorial Award for an in-depth research paper of any length which may or may not have been published; (2) the Outstanding Youth of ANA Award based on a merit and point system and presented to one chosen from state level winners; (3) the ANA Junior Literary Award for the best essay or numismatic talk by a junior; and (4) the Lewis M. Reagan Award for the best published numismatic article written by a junior member. An Award for

Outstanding Adult Worker in junior activities will go to one who has given most service to junior clubs. Interesting, eh? For details write Mrs. Hazel Lindstrom - 710 West 26th Ave., Pine Bluff, Ark. 71601. Someone's going to win, why not Texans?

National Coin Week is at hand but there's still time to do something in your town to publicize our hobby, the theme "Coins . . . Links in a Chain of Peace," and the contribution of the FAO of the United Nations toward solving our world's hunger problem. Governor Smith has proclaimed April 20-26 National Coin Week in Texas; get your mayor to do as much in your city.

This is the time for you to work up an exhibit for your bank or library or some store window. Nice thing is you won't be competing, like in a show, so if you are a bit short in your numismatic information or condition or completeness you still can "get your feet wet" and be promoting the hobby and you'll be on your way toward exhibiting in the next show.

This is a great time to encourage the juniors to make exhibits, posters, talks in school, scouts, or church. They'll be building credits for the Young Numismatist awards -- And remember your report to Ed Rochette. Blanks are still available.

Have you made plans to attend the ANA 78th Convention in Philadelphia in August, to tour the new U.S. Mint and historic spots in the area? One family we know plans a camping trip with an over-night stay at Valley Forge. What better way for the kids to have history come alive?



Never live in hope or expectation with your arms folded.

## A SPECIAL DAY AT THE MINT

BY R. E. MEDLAR  
Lubbock, Texas

The second Wednesday in February was a busy day in many places but nowhere more than at the Philadelphia Mint. For this was the day designated for the 1969 Assay Commission to test the soundness of our nation's coinage. The Assay Commission is appointed by the president of the United States each year to weigh and assay the coinage to ensure that the coins are of proper weight and fineness. Obviously, with only the clad coinage and the elimination of silver, the Assay is now only a ritual with very limited usefulness. However, the Assay functions serve to a degree as independent checks on the controls within the mints.

The 1969 Assay Commission was comprised largely of persons concerned with numismatic endeavors, including one wide-eyed West Texan who was more than just a little awed by the entire day. We arrived at the new Mint promptly at 9 a.m. and were ushered into the newly completed Assay Room. The mint structure was virtually complete but was not in use pending the installation of equipment. The Assay Room had been finished through for our special use.

After coffee and visiting with old friends and meeting the other members of the commission and mint officials, the commission was called to order by Miss Eva Adams. She introduced each member and presented us with the presidential appointments which were actually signed by President Nixon. Ray Byrne was elected chairman and the rest of the members were divided to serve on subcommittees, to count, weigh and assay.

I think we all rushed through our respective assignments as we had been promised trips through the old and the new mints and no one wanted to miss these. The old facilities were needed to perform our melting and assay functions, so we were the only commission ever to perform the assay at two mints.

The tour of the old mint was most interesting. Every nook and cranny of the operation was available to us. We saw the sorting department where three machines sorted clad and silver coins with unbelievable accuracy. One fault with these machines, however; they took no recognition of rare coins. I saw numerous early Washington and Standing Liberty quarters and one fine 1894S quarter headed for the melting pots. Frustration to a coin collector was not being able to salvage those coins. A smiling but firm mint official discouraged any acquisitiveness. Next we were shown the operation of the medal department where they were striking the San Diego medals and some Interior Department service awards.

The stamping and tumbling operations were visited and examined, then we saw the striking of quarters and cents. Four cents or two quarters at a time can be struck on some presses, a fact I was not aware of. After two hours in all areas, the coins, even to us were no longer money but seemed more the end product of a normal manufacturing process.

The new mint is almost finished as a structure but the installation of the equipment will take several months more. We were told by Miss Adams that the dedication of the mint is scheduled to coincide with the A. N. A. convention in August, so we all have a special reason for attend-

ing the A. N. A. meeting. The Assay Commission was extended a special invitation to be guests at the dedication. This West Texan is accepting I can assure you.

The new mint also has a visitors' gallery that overlooks the entire minting operation. One can follow the operation from the casting of the ingots to sacking the finished product, all from this block long gallery.

After completing our tours, our assay functions and discussions, we again met in the late afternoon for submission of our reports. The gavel of our chairman adjourning the meeting was NOT a welcome sound as no one was really willing for the function to end.

That evening at a reception preceding the formal banquet, I met

the designers of the Assay medal, Frank Gasparro and Phillip E. Fowler. And at the banquet which followed, we received our "pay" - our Assay medal. The obverse depicts the likeness of President Nixon and the reverse, the new mint. With a total issue of 19, the medal is a prized momento of a wonderful day.

The banquet was M.C.'d by Michael J. Sura, superintendent of the Philadelphia mint. It came as a bit of surprise to learn that after addressing orders for proof sets for so many years to this title, that they were actually to an affable and gregarious gentleman, one it was a pleasure to know.

The Assay Commission of 1970 will meet in the new mint which will be in full operation by then. I wish I could be there.



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# JUNIOR READIN' ROUNDUP

The Travis Coin Club of Travis Junior High School in Temple held its annual coin show February 20 in the school library. Approximately 700 students, teachers and visitors viewed the show which featured coin displays from 17 members of the club. Mrs. June Hill is sponsor of the group.

The judge for the show was Mrs. Dolly Maude Harris of Austin. Mrs. Harris has twice been general chairman for National Coin Week, conducted by American Numismatic Association, of which she is a life member. Mrs. Harris stated that the Travis coin show was one of the most outstanding junior events she had ever visited or judged.

Gary Baden and Keven Dewbre won blue ribbons for the outstanding quality, display and effort shown in their exhibits. Red ribbons were awarded to Randy Duncan, Gary



**JUNIOR DISPLAYS** - Shown with exhibits at the recent Travis Coin Club show is Philip Scanio, club president, and Mrs. Dolly Maude Harris of Austin, judge. The annual show was held at Travis Junior High School library in Temple.

Ped Mike Bramlett, Philip Scanio, Cathy McGinnis and Dana Altimore. White ribbons were presented to Sam Barfield, Lynne Sanders, Mark Holland, Lee Wallace and Ray Urubek.

Attendance prizes for the show were donated by Interstate Theaters.

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## Counterfeit Conference At Mexico City Bank

"La Conferencia de Monedas Falsas" was held in the auditorium of Banco Nacional, Mexico, D.F., by La Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico (SNdeM) February 10, with Virgil Hancock, T. N. A. first vice president, as guest speaker, lecturing in Spanish.

The U.S. Treasury Department granted special export and re-import licenses for the rare gold coins used by Hancock for comparison with counterfeits at the conference. Over 200 different counterfeits of all countries were on display and inspected through the battery of stereo-microscopes.

Hancock reports that T. N. A. might take a lesson from SNdeM. Sr. Charles Hale, president of SNdeM, explained that each chapter member-club must have each of its members join SNdeM as an individual member. In that way the national society is able to enforce its code of ethics down into the local level.

During Hancock's time in Mexico, Sr. Hale and Sr. Fernando Lazo arranged a lengthy interview with the director of the Mexico mint, Ing. Carlos Martinez, followed by a detailed visit through each minting operation. The mint director discussed counterfeiting, and especially the problems caused today by the makers in Italy of superb counterfeit dies.

# PRESIDENT'S

## MESSAGE



**ATTENTION** all T. N. A. club representatives and district governors - next month during the 11th convention, the annual breakfast will be held. This is where you kick around ideas to improve your club meetings and further our hobby overall. Now is the time to start making notes of things you want to discuss. It is also very important that you let Roger Earwood, T. N. A. second vice president, know if you plan to attend. Drop him a card today letting him know if you will be in attendance or not. Write Box 629, Denton 76201.



One of the big expenses of every convention is the cost of exhibit awards. In the past some of the awards have been donated by indi-

viduals and this was a big help to the host club, but this year the host club is having to pay for every award but the Harvey Burns Award for the best Mexican coin exhibit. I wonder how many coin clubs around the state might be interested in sponsoring one of these awards? If you think your club might be interested in this, let me know before convention time.



District 2, 5, 12, 13 did not have nominees for district governor. If any one in these districts would like to serve as governor, let me know as soon as possible. I will be needing to fill these vacancies before the Board meeting in Fort Worth, and if you would like to promote T. N. A. in your district let me hear from you.



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J-1662 (D-8) Sharon Elaine Drachenberg, Box 1265, Raymondville, Tex. 78580.

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## APRIL 12-13

**LONGVIEW COIN CLUB SHOW**, Holiday Inn. Contact: Mrs. Pat Grozier, 209 S. Fredonia Longview 75601.



## APRIL 19-20

**PARIS COIN CLUB'S** 5th annual North Star of Texas coin show. Paris Junior College. Bourse: Joe B. Bills, 248 1st. S. W. St., Paris 75460.



## APRIL 26-27

**XIT COIN CLUB SHOW**, Dalhart, Tex. Youth Center. Write: Troy H. Coan, 2927 Bagarry, Amarillo, Tex. 79103.



## MAY 3-4

**VICTORIA NUMISMATIC CLUB** 8th annual show, Continental Inn. Bourse: Graves L. Rouse, Box 1183, Victoria 77901.



## MAY 4

**LAMB COUNTY COIN CLUB** 2nd annual show, Littlefield Community Center. Bourse: E. G. Alexander, 621 W. 5th, Littlefield 79339.



## MAY 10-11

**BELLAIRE COIN CLUB** annual show, Bellaire Community Center. Write: Joe F. Johnson, 10610 Ambursen St., Houston 77034.



## MAY 10-11

**LOUISIANA NUMISMATIC ASSN.**, 9th annual convention. Host: Baton Rouge Coin Club at Jack Tarr Capitol House, Baton Rouge, La.

## MAY 17-18

**GREATER PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB**, 10th annual Coin Festival. Thomas Jefferson High School Cafeteria, Port Arthur. Bourse: D. W. Pruitt, 1401 7th St., Port Arthur 77640.



## MAY 17-18

**WORLD COIN CLUB** of Corpus Christi, 5th annual coin show, Corpus Christi Museum. Write: Jerry Foy, 5855 Everhart, Apt. 30, Corpus Christi 78413.



## MAY 18

**LEVELLAND COIN & STAMP CLUB** Spring show, Levelland High School Cafeteria. D. O. Joplin, gen. chrmn., 404 College Ave., Levelland 79336.



## MAY 23-25

**TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN.**, 11th convention, Hotel Texas, Fort Worth. Gen. Chrmn.: R. W. Darrah, 3813 Winslow, Fort Worth 76109.



## JUNE 6-8

**RCDA, INC.** national convention, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Dallas. Bourse: Wilson F. Walters, Box 536, Denison, Tex.



## JUNE 14-15

**GALVESTON COUNTY COIN CLUB** annual Coin Jamboree, Texas City Holiday Inn. Bourse: Claude Ressler, Box 2331, Texas City 77590.



## JULY 12-13

**MESQUITE COIN CLUB**, 6th annual show, Town Hall, Big Town, Mesquite, Tex. Chrmn.: G. E. Beck, 1424A S. Buckner Blvd., Dallas 75217.

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT ONE:

New officers for Greater Denton Numismatic Assn. are Dr. Howard Ford, president; James Pannell, vice president; Don Palermo, treasurer, and Judy Palermo, secretary. Also elected were John R. Kilpatrick, program chairman and Mrs. June Kilpatrick, T. N. A. representative.

Palermo gave a program on "How Coin Collections are Started." The group met in February at First State Bank with 27 present. — Mrs. June Kilpatrick, T. N. A. Rep.



R. W. Darrah  
Governor

## DISTRICT TWO:

Discussion on the 1969 coin show to be held in Fort Stockton took place at the February meeting of Spanish Trail Coin Club held at Pecos County State Bank with 20 in attendance. Also discussed was having an auction each month and the T. N. A. convention to be held in May in Fort Worth.

In charge of the program were David and Smoky Ferrell, brothers and both junior members, showed and described their exhibits which took first and second places in the



Gene Hurt  
Governor

junior division at the last Ft. Stockton show. —Bob L. Albin, T. N. A. Rep.



## DISTRICT THREE:

Twenty eight attended the monthly meeting of Nolan County Coin Club of Sweetwater when E. H. Brooks of San Angelo was guest speaker. The club met at Texas Bank building. Brooks told of the history of the cent.

Also present were Bill Brothers, T. N. A. president; and Fred Clark both of San Angelo. Plans for the annual Wildcat show held each September were discussed. —JoAnn Hobbs, Reportr.



J. G. Pfluger was appointed to act as chairman of displays for National Coin Week April 20-26 by President Bill Lee at the February meeting of San Angelo Coin Club held at El Patio Motel.

The complete type set of 1868 coins which are to be presented to Fort Concho Museum were displayed at the club meeting. Dick Swindoll, club vice president made and donated the display case for the collection. Pfluger donated six of the coins so that the reverse sides may also be shown. Club members donated \$12.50 toward the project. In other business, members voted that the club place 100 medals in the museum on a consignment basis - the medals being issued during



J. G. Pfluger  
Governor

the 1968 coin show.

The program was presented by Mickey Rhyne entitled "Medals." He explained that it was an interesting collecting hobby and one that is impossible to complete. He said that medals were made to commemorate places, people, events and practically everything. Most medals are not expensive and are very interesting. —E. H. Brooks, Reporter.



#### DISTRICT SIX:

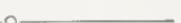
An installation banquet was being planned for the February 11 meeting of Bellaire Coin Club to be held at Henry's Steak House. New officers installed were Mrs. O. R. Knotts, president; Bob Astrich, vice president; Joe T. Wells, III, treasurer; A. J. Lanier, secretary; J. Thomas Pope, auctioneer; and Joe Johnson, coin show and bourse chairman.



Chris Johns  
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Thirty four members and 15 visitors attended the February meeting of Northline Coin Club of Houston at Northline Shopping City auditorium. A committee appointed to investi-



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gate ways of aiding junior collectors, reported that in their opinion the juniors should work with each other, with only guidance from the adult members. L. M. Done is committee chairman and encouraged the juniors to work on their own projects, a display for the Northline Shopping City, or a coin show, or whatever they decided on and then let the adults help where needed.

The club has a number of interested junior members and conducts a junior auction prior to the regular auction. It is conducted by a junior and has aroused enthusiasm among the younger members. —Chris Johns, Gov. Dist. 6.



The 10th annual Coin Festival hosted by Greater Port Arthur Coin Club will be held May 17-18 at Thomas Jefferson High School cafeteria. D. W. Pruitt is bourse chairman and may be reached at 1401 7th St., Port Arthur 77640.



At the February meeting of La Marque Coin Club members took part in a show and tell program. Members discussing their other hobbies were Mrs. Lou Allen, hand-carved statues of teakwood and mahogany. She also had a leather-bound Holy Bible printed in 1762. Mrs. Marguerite Mitchell displayed a letter written on birch bark from one of her sons while he was stationed in Alaska. Mrs. Rosalie Shepherd showed lantern slides on glass put out by Eastman Kodak Co. before the tin type pictures.

Also participating were Ruby Threlkeld, slate her grandfather learned to read on; Hugh Threlkeld, his first prize trophy and told the members how to display. He won the trophy at the Greater Houston show in 1961. Coins were exhibited by Mayo Warren, J. C. Akey, Don Stolenberg, J. M. Shepherd and Charles Mitchell. —Ruby Threlkeld, Reporter.

## DISTRICT SEVEN:

February meetings of Alamo Coin Club of San Antonio were to include a talk by John Fiano, Gateway Coin Club president, on "Coins of Colonial Mexico" with color slides to illustrate his talk.

Members were reminded in the club bulletin that February was the month of two famous Americans who have both been honored on U.S. coins for the past 36 years, and the coins would be featured in the attendance prizes for the month.



Graves Rouse  
Governor

## DISTRICT EIGHT:

Plans were made for celebration of National Coin Week April 20-26 by members of Hidalgo Coin Club of McAllen. Displays were to be placed in all of the banks of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and requests from each mayor to proclaim that week as Coin Week in their city. Ada Lee Chisum is A. N. A. club representative and will head the committee in working out plans.

Members were asked to attend a meeting of Hidalgo County Historical Society Museum Committee March 11 to formally present a collection of coins, currency and tokens assembled by the club representing types of money used in early days of Hidalgo County. —John L. Chisum, T. N. A. Rep.



Clarence Davis  
Governor

Club of Corpus Christi have included programs by John W. Ricketts and David G. Luckstead. Ricketts narrated color slides of the native art of the Polynesian Island, exhibits of the coins of Samoa which he had taken when assigned to a recruiting mission during World War II.

Luckstead spoke on "History of Money and Monetary Values." After the meeting, members enjoyed a social hour. —Gladys Robbins, Reporter.



In many respects, the February 10 meeting of Corpus Christi Coin Club was a fitting and appropriate eulogy to the memory of George Mather, whose untimely death, January 10,



CLUB PROJECT — A collection of coins, currency and merchants' tokens of Mexico and the U.S., which circulated in the Rio Grande Valley from 1852 to 1915 is being assembled by members of Hidalgo Coin Club of McAllen. The collection will be presented to the Hidalgo County Historical Society to be placed in the new county museum in Edinburg. Members have been working on the project for several years. Some of the items donated were displayed at a recent meeting which was attended by L. B. McDonald, center, Society museum chairman. Also shown are Mrs. Miriam Gilmore, Weslaco, project chairman, and club president, John L. Chisum, McAllen.



Recent meetings of Liberty Coin

was a great loss to numismatists everywhere. Joe Davis read a resolution in "Memory of and in Appreciation of George A. Mather Jr." which enumerated his many services and tireless efforts for and in behalf of the local clubs, T. N. A., A. N. A. and the coin fraternity in general.

The program was given by Mrs. Gladys Robbins, a presentation of the color slide set "The Coins and Castle of Maximilian of Mexico" with a script written by her. This set, which was also assembled by her, will be donated to the T. N. A. Memorial Library by Corpus Christi and Liberty clubs in memory of Mr. Mather. The set contains 36 slides, highlighting the coins of Maximilian and the interior of his castle.

It was also announced that two books "Kings, Rulers and Statesmen" and "Phantom Crown" had been given to the T. N. A. library in memory of Ralph Watters' mother who re-

cently passed away.

The program for the February 24 meeting was a talk on "Paper Money - The Printing of It" by Steve Prue, a junior club member. He had well researched his subject and discussed the kinds of money and the types and denominations.

To further the interest in numismatics among the younger people, the Corpus Christi club has purchased 15 annual subscriptions of COINage and is placing the magazine in all junior high libraries in the Corpus area.

— Lee M. Behannon, Reporter.

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Members of Rio Grande Valley Numismatic Society, meeting at El Turista Restaurant at Donna recently, heard a talk on insuring coin collections. Speaker was Bill Sellers of McAllen, representative of a well-known and popular insurance company.

Collections were referred to by Sellers as portable property and could

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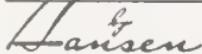
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At a previous meeting, Mrs. Gladys Robbins of Corpus Christi presented a slide set program on "Coins of Maximilian" including scenes from historic Mexico City and the imperial palace.



#### DISTRICT NINE:

A quiz program was conducted at the February meeting of Levelland Coin & Stamp Club held at the Chamber of Commerce building.

Ten members attended the meeting which also included a discussion on the May 18 coin show to be held at Levelland High School cafeteria. —D. O. Joplin, Reporter.



Bob Medlar  
Governor



Details for the May 1 coin show to be sponsored by Lamb County Coin Club were worked out at the February meeting held in the Flame Room. Eighteen were present.

"Commemorative Half Dollars" was the title of the slide set presented by Don Boatman which had been furnished by the T. N. A. Memorial Library. —Hazel Sharp, Reporter.



"U.S. Coins and Mints" was the topic chosen for a quiz program conducted by George Traylor at the re-

cent meeting of South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock. The club meets at Municipal Garden & Arts Center. Thirty five members and four guests attended.

Bob Medlar also gave a report on his appointment to the annual Assay Commission and his visit to the Mint in Philadelphia. Spring show reports were given by Medlar, Jim Hall and Traylor. —D. O. Joplin, Reporter.



#### DISTRICT ELEVEN:

Officers were elected at the February meeting of XIT Coin Club of Dalhart with Cloys Wallace being re-elected as president; Homer Davis, vice president; and Gene Stanley, secretary-treasurer.



Troy H. Coan  
Governor

Following the business meeting, at which show plans were discussed, also a program on "State Bank Note Engravings" was given by Troy Coan and Wallace. The program featured a slide set from the T. N. A. Memorial Library. —Troy Coan, Gov. Dist.



A progress report on the March coin show held by Amarillo Coin Club was



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given by Lloyd Colvin, general chairman, at the February meeting at XIT Room, Herring Hotel. It was announced that the Fall show would be held October 18-19.

Fred Cornelius presented a program on "State Bank Note Engravings" using a slide set furnished by T. N. A. Memorial Library. The second meeting of the month was highlighted by a swap session with members and guests participating. —**Troy Coan, Gov. Dist. 11.**



Eighteen attended the February meeting of Moore County Coin Club held at Moore County Court House in Dumas.

Troy Coan was in charge of the program and presented a slide set "State Bank Note Engravings" from the T. N. A. Memorial Library. —**Troy Coan, Gov. Dist. 11.**



#### DISTRICT TWELVE:

April 12-13 are the dates set for the Spring Coin show to be sponsored by Longview Coin Club. The event will take place at Holiday Inn and Mrs. Pat Grozier is chairman.

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#### DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

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Club met in February at the Y. M. C. A. with 40 members and guests present.

Wm. Rust, T. N. A. District 13 governor, gave a report on the Texas Numismatic Association convention to be held May 23-25 in Fort Worth.



Wm. Rust  
Governor

Roger Paulk introduced Barry Donnell, a coin collector for 20 years. Donnell talked on the pleasures and rewards of coin collecting and displayed several of his collections. He advised collectors to learn the history of coins and that type coins, rare coins and proofs are a good investment. —**Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity Chrmn.**



#### Doubloon Ban

The mayor of New Orleans, Victor Schiro, would like to see several things banned at Mardi Gras celebrations.

Included was to end doubloon throwing from floats. Doubloons are coin-shaped souvenirs with no monetary value. Schiro said the fierce scrabble to retrieve them leaves many black and blue.



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If you are a T. N. A. member or have a prime interest in the coins of

Mexico, your name has been added to the catalog list; so it will not be necessary to write for a copy.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT—

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1691 (D-6) Gary T. Lester, Box 58722, Houston, Tex. 77058.

771 Gary K. Olson, 1343 H St., N. W., Suite 904, Washington, D.C. 20005.

766 (D-8) Don B. Christiansen, 1295 N. Faumin, San Benito, Tex. 78586.

1051 (D-7) Mrs. Dorothy Depew, 2358 N. W. Military Drive, Apt. D-1 San Antonio, Tex. 78231.

1856 (D-) Hassan Tullbah, 1014 W. Gray, Houston, Tex. 77019.

C-24 (D-5) Grand Prairie Coin Club, c/o Mrs. Vleta Swain, 1202 Willow Street, Grand Prairie, Tex. 75050.

C-55 (D-13) Greenbelt Coin Club, c/o Mrs. T. L. O'Steen, Secy., 2011 Mansard, Vernon, Tex. 76381.

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## ROBBERIES ON INCREASE FOR TEXAS COLLECTORS

One of the largest reported robberies of coins in South Texas took place recently in Kingsville when two men, at least one armed with a pistol, stole approximately \$100,000 in rare coins from the residence of R. C. Bennett.

The coins were kept in a building at the rear of Bennett's home and he was on his way to the building when he was accosted by the two men. Bennett was forced to open one of the three safes on the premises, then returned to the house where he was tied and handcuffed.

Two men listing their residency as Galveston were arrested later in a Galveston motel and charged with armed robbery. During routine questioning, one of the men admitted he had stolen the McFarlin canary (yellow) diamond in a bold daylight robbery at the Witte Museum in San Antonio. The diamond was reportedly sold to a man in Arizona who in turn shipped it to a dealer in Canada. The diamond was valued at \$365,000.

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A 33-year-old Illinois man was arrested at a roadblock after a \$1,600 armed robbery at Roy's Art Center in McAllen. The robbery occurred shortly after 1 p.m. December 28 while Roy Sawyer, owner was out and his mother and grandmother were in charge.

Minutes after the robbery, a man entered a McAllen hardware store and sold a gold coin to the owner. The man then called a taxicab, and the store owner, suspicious of the man, took the number of the cab and called police.

After checking with the cab company, police notified Lower Valley authorities and police set up a roadblock at Weslaco. The taxicab was

stopped and the suspect surrendered. Arresting officers said the man had a .22 caliber pistol strapped on him and some gold coins in his possession which were later identified as the ones stolen from Sawyer.

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At TNA News press time, there were still no definite leads in solving the burglary of the Brad H. Smith home in Austin sometime during December while Smith and his wife were on vacation.

The majority of Smith's collection was stored in the bank but about 400 rolls of various-denomination coins, sets and individual coins, including several gold pieces, were taken during the robbery.

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Several robberies have also been reported in the San Antonio and Dallas areas but details have not been obtainable.

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### EVENTS CALENDAR —

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#### SEPTEMBER 6-7

**SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB** annual show, Town House Motor Hotel, Write club, Box 87, San Angelo 76901.

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#### SEPTEMBER 13-14

**BEAUMONT COIN CLUB**, 10th annual show, Ridgewood Motor Hotel, 2520 Freeway, Beaumont. Bourse: T. G. Brown, 3555 Sleepy Lane, Beaumont 77706.

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#### SEPTEMBER 27-28

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Marlin, Texas

The term "Vanishing American" has always been synonymous with the American Indian in my books, and succeeds in conjuring up a vision of the painting "End of the Trail," which depicts the Indian brave seated on a weary pinto pony, with the day dying in the west.

More recently, the same term has been used about the Buffalo, or Indian Head nickel. In fact, it is almost a rarity these days to find a Buffalo nickel in your pocket change, even a badly worn one. So, again, the expression "Vanishing American" is most apropos.

Today the vanishing American happens to be any United States coin made of silver. Silver coins were discontinued in 1964, and all coins with the date 1965 or later are the sandwich coins made of copper, etc., and looking very much like some of the worthless foreign coins Dad, brother or Uncle Joe brought back when he was in service. All of the dimes, quarters, half dollars and dollars made prior to 1965 are silver and have more silver than the face value of the coin.

A good example of the coin and its silver value follows:

Dime — face value — 10c, silver value — 14c.

Quarter — face value — 25c, silver value — 36c.

Half dollar — face value — 50c, silver value — 72c.

Dollar — face value \$1.00, silver value — \$1.54.

The 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968 half dollars each have about 29c worth of silver in them, but this is not as much as the face value. There is one big catch to getting your silver

value for the present 1965 coins; the U.S. government has made it against the law to melt down these coins to recover the silver. In fact, there is a large fine attached to such an offense plus a term in the Federal "Pen." This tends to make the melting of the coins unprofitable. So how do you get this extra money?? There are a few people in this country who feel that the law on melting will be repealed, and are willing to pay a premium of six per cent to 12 per cent over face value for your silver U.S. coins, and who plan to hold them until they can be melted or sold to the mint at silver value.

This brings up another train of thought. What about those old foreign silver coins that Dad, Brother and Uncle Joe brought back from overseas during the war? These are no longer worthless. In fact, the publication, *World Coins*, has begun a series of articles that tell the value of all of the silver coins of the world. Information on the address of this publication may be had by dropping a card or letter to P.O. Drawer 191, Marlin, Texas 76661. If you have many foreign coins it would pay you many times over to get this publication.

Don't give away your old coins just because you are not interested in them, but find out what you have. Sometimes they are not worth much, but so often they are given away or sold for only a fraction of their net worth.

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